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Referred to Committee on Planning and Development

Introduced by:
(PD)

AN ACT CREATING A REGIONAL COMPOSTING FACILITY SITING TASK FORCE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force
2 to study suitable sites on which to sensibly locate regional composting
3 facilities to further the purposes of public act 11-217. As part of its
4 responsibilities, the task force shall recommend criteria by which to
5 determine whether a particular site is suitable for a regional
6 composting facility, and shall establish a list of sites in the state that
7 meet such criteria.

8 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

9 (1) Two appointed by the chairs of the joint standing committee of
10 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
11 planning and development;

12 (2) Two appointed by the chairs of the joint standing committee of
13 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the
14 environment;

15 (3) The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection, or
16 such commissioner's designee;

17 (4) One representative of the Connecticut Resources Recovery
18 Authority;

19 (5) One representative of the Housatonic Resources Recovery
20 Authority;

21 (6) One representative of the Southeastern Connecticut Regional
22 Resources Recovery Authority;

23 (7) One representative of the Bristol Resource Recovery Facility
24 Tunxis Recycling Operating Committee;

25 (8) An individual with administrative responsibilities at a privately-
26 run facility that generates an average of at least one hundred four tons
27 of source-separated organic materials a year;

28 (9) An individual who handles food waste material; and

29 (10) A member of the Connecticut Chapter of American Planners.

30 (c) No member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1) or
31 (2) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member of the General
32 Assembly.

33 (d) All appointments to the task force shall be made not later than
34 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be
35 filled by the appointing authority.

36 (e) The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection, or
37 such commissioner's designee, shall serve as the chairperson of the
38 task force. Such commissioner or designee shall schedule the first
39 meeting of the task force, which shall be held not later than sixty days
40 after the effective date of this section.

41 (f) The task force shall be located within the Department of Energy

42 and Environmental Protection for administrative purposes.

43 (g) Not later than January 1, 2013, the task force shall submit a
44 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing
45 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
46 relating to the environment and planning and development, in
47 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.
48 The task force shall terminate on the date that it submits such report or
49 February 1, 2013, whichever is later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To establish a task force that will provide guidance as to the most appropriate sites on which to locate a regional composting facility.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]